

## REMARKS

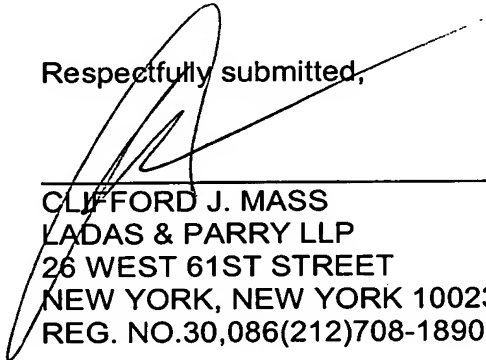
The Official Action of 9 August 2006 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby affirm their election to prosecute in the present application the claims of Group II, i.e., claims 10-22, directed to a method of assaying angiogenic effects of a compound. New claims 22-25 have been added more completely to define the elected subject matter. Claim 23 contains the subject matter formerly in claim 10, which the Examiner considered to render the claim indefinite. Claims 24 and 25 contain the exemplary claim limitations formerly included in claims 16 and 17 respectively.

Claim 10 has been rewritten to include the subject matter from claim 1 and has also been amended in the manner courteously suggested by the Examiner to provide an identifying step that does not suffer the drawback noted by the Examiner on page 2 of the Official Action. Other claims have been amended to render them more definite. The amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims. All claims as amended are respectfully believed to be free of the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph appearing on page 2 of the Official Action, and are otherwise believed to be sufficiently definite to satisfy the dictates of 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections of record have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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